

**HB 3199-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department to implement a pilot program to test the effectiveness of planting geoducks on state aquatic lands located in the aquatic rehabilitation zone established in RCW 90.88.010(2). The program must be developed and implemented in consultation with the department of fish and wildlife.

Provides that the pilot program may be on appropriate state subtidal and intertidal lands including lands managed by the department and the state parks and recreation commission.

Requires the department to design the test program to compare geoduck populations of the test sites with other sites in the aquatic rehabilitation zone established in RCW 90.88.010(2) providing comparable growing conditions.

Provides that, in conducting the pilot program, the department shall work with school districts, veterans organizations, and other interested groups to actively involve and educate citizens regarding the environmental issues in Hood canal and the role geoducks play in the ecosystem.

Requires the program to be designed to test geoduck populations and growth rates for a period of at least five years. No later than December 31, 2011, the department shall report the results of the program to the appropriate committees of the legislature and make recommendations as to whether the program should be expanded, otherwise modified, or terminated.